

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 870

J.R. Merryman House

824 Corbett Road

Monkton, Baltimore County

1850 ca.

Private

The J.R. Merryman House was constructed circa 1840 in the small village of Piney Hill, which lay along York Road between Hereford and Philopolis. The house is representative of the many vernacular stone houses constructed throughout rural Baltimore County in the mid-19th century. Although prior documentation of the property attributes mid-19th century occupancy of the house to D. Matthews, in reality, it was J.R. Merryman who resided in the dwelling in 1850. At that time, Piney Hill was only a cluster of dwellings at the intersection of Corbett and York Roads. Additionally, one of the York Road tollgates was placed in the community. Little growth occurred in the village over the following sixty years. The 1877 atlas indicates that Clark P. Matthews resided in the house in the late 1870s, while Fred Smith was the building's occupant in 1915. The J.R. Merryman House continues to serve as a single-family residence, and the surrounding landscape has retained its mid-19th century rural character through the late 1900s.

The J.R. Merryman House is a two-and-a-half-story dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction with an asphalt-shingled side gambrel roof. The four-bay-wide dwelling features two interior end stone chimneys and two circa 1930 shed-roofed dormers clad in wood shingles. A two-story wing of wood frame construction clad in vinyl siding with a solid random rubble stone foundation and an interior gable end stretcher bond brick chimney extends to the east and is set back from the façade, or south elevation, of the main block. Only the façade of the main block is finished with coursed ashlar stone. A one-story, four-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by Tuscan columns dominates the main block's façade. The first story is pierced by one offset sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door and three 4/4 windows. Four 4/4 windows pierce the second story. Two paired 3/3 windows are located in each dormer. A shed and privy are located north of the dwelling. The one-story shed is a circa 1850 wood frame building clad in board-and-batten siding on a solid random rubble stone foundation with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. A square ventilated cupola with a pyramidal roof rises from the center of the one-bay-wide, two-bay-deep building. The one-bay-wide façade is pierced by one flush-vertical-board double-leaf wood door. The one-story privy dates to circa 1920 and features a wood frame structural system clad in board-and-batten siding with a shed roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. The façade of the one-bay-square building is pierced by one flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 870

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic J.R. Merryman House (preferred)

other Staler House

2. Location

street and number 824 Corbett Road not for publication

city, town Monkton vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eugene A. and Delores N. Sattler

street and number 824 Corbett Road telephone Not Available

city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6108 folio 116

city, town Towson tax map 28 tax parcel 26 tax ID number 1600002403

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. BA- 870

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1850, the vernacular J.R. Merryman House is a two-and-a-half-story dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction with an asphalt-shingled side gambrel roof. The four-bay-wide dwelling features two interior end stone chimneys and two circa 1930 shed-roofed dormers clad in wood shingles. A two-story wing of wood frame construction clad in vinyl siding with a solid random rubble stone foundation and an interior gable end stretcher bond brick chimney extends to the east and is set back from the façade, or south elevation, of the main block. Only the façade of the main block is finished with coursed ashlar stone. A one-story, four-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by Tuscan columns dominates the main block's façade. The first story is pierced by one offset sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door and three 4/4 windows. Four 4/4 windows pierce the second story. Two paired 3/3 windows are located in each dormer.

A shed and privy are located north of the dwelling. The one-story shed is a circa 1850 wood frame building clad in board-and-batten siding on a solid random rubble stone foundation with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. A square ventilated cupola with a pyramidal roof rises from the center of the one-bay-wide, two-bay-deep building. The one-bay-wide façade is pierced by one flush-vertical-board double-leaf wood door.

The one-story privy dates to circa 1920 and features a wood frame structural system clad in board-and-batten siding with a shed roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. The façade of the one-bay-square building is pierced by one flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door.

8. Significance

Inventory No. BA- 870

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1850 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1850 ca., 1930 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The J.R. Merryman House was constructed circa 1840 in the small village of Piney Hill, which lay along York Road between Hereford and Philopolis. The house is representative of the many vernacular stone houses constructed throughout rural Baltimore County in the mid-19th century. Although prior documentation of the property attributes mid-19th century occupancy of the house to D. Matthews, in reality, it was J.R. Merryman who resided in the dwelling in 1850. At that time, Piney Hill was only a cluster of dwellings at the intersection of Corbett and York Roads. Additionally, one of the York Road tollgates was placed in the community.¹ Little growth occurred in the village over the following sixty years. The 1877 atlas indicates that Clark P. Matthews resided in the house in the late 1870s, while Fred Smith was the building's occupant in 1915.² The J.R. Merryman House continues to serve as a single-family residence, and the surrounding landscape has retained its mid-19th century rural character through the late 1900s.

Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials. Vernacular architecture accounts for the majority of the built environment and reflects the traditions of society, rather than the whims of the architect.³ Throughout Baltimore County, there are a number of vernacular stone houses from this period. Stone was readily available in the county, with both marble and granite quarries located throughout the region. Commonly, these random rubble stone dwellings are two stories in height, single-pile with side gable roofs. This continuity of form is a result of folk architecture and the reliance on constructing forms that had been built by the previous generation.

¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877); see also *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

³ Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, *Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture*, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA- 870

- Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland.* Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.
Baltimore County Historic Inventory.
Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County.* Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.
Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.
Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men.* Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.
Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hereford Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1850, the J.R. Merryman House has been associated with the 80.71 acres of land known as tax parcel 26 of map 28 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

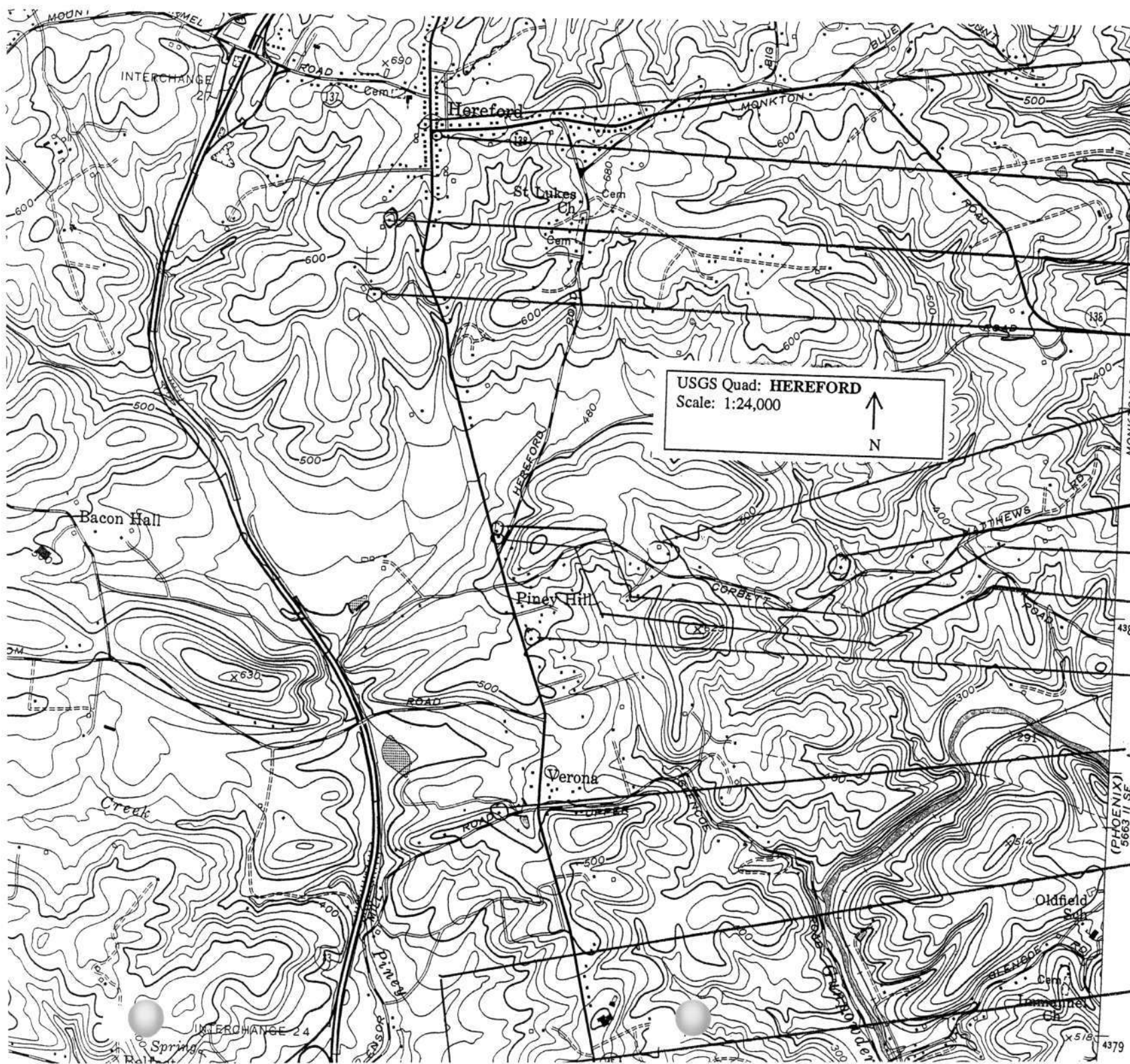
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 29, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



USGS Quad: **HEREFORD**
Scale: 1:24,000
↑
N

BA 2031
16938 YORK ROAD

BA 2051
16925 YORK ROAD

BA-1573
2000 EVERETT ROAD
HEREFORD, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA 2064
16634 YORK ROAD

BA-1870
824 CORBETT ROAD
MONKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0869
1138 CORBETT ROAD
MONKTON, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA 1718
16309 YORK ROAD

BA 1717
16305 YORK ROAD

BA 535
16129 YORK ROAD

BA-0129

BA-0415

BA-0414

BA-0 4



BA-810

824 CORBETT ROAD, MONKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

3/2001

MD SHPO

SW CORNER

1 of 4



BA--870

824 CORBETT ROAD, MONKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

3/2001

MD SHPO

N ELEVATION

2 of 4



BA- 870

824 CORBETT ROAD, MONKTON

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

3/2001

MD SHPO

W ELEVATION

3 of 4



BA- 870

824 CORBETT ROAD, MONKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

3/2001

MD SHPO

SHED

4 of 4

BA- 870

STALER HOUSE - Before 1850 - North side of Corbett Road, 0.5 mile east of York Road. Two-part house, main block 2-½ stories of stone with gambrel roof and shed dormers; frame two-story east end with gable roof, clapboard covering. Vernacular style. Good condition. Shown as D. Matthews house on 1850 map, as C.P. Matthews in 1877 atlas, and Fred Smith house in 1898 and 1915 atlases. Owner: Ann M. Small.